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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION  
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**To:** Chronic Pain Management Clinics  
Managed Care Plans  
CSO Administrators  
Regional Administrators

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**Subject: Chronic Pain Management Clinics: Discontinuation of State-Unique  
Procedure Codes**

<b>Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2003</b> , the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) will discontinue the state-unique procedure codes for Chronic Pain Management.
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## **Coding Changes**

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires all healthcare payers to process and pay electronic claims using a standard set of procedure codes. MAA is discontinuing state-unique codes and modifiers and will require the use of applicable CPT and HCPCS procedure codes on all submitted claims. MAA is currently upgrading its claims processing system to accommodate these changes.

## **Discontinued Codes**

MAA currently requires a number of state-unique procedure codes to describe services provided in Pain Management Clinics. Effective for claims with dates of service on and after July 1, 2003, the following state-unique codes are discontinued:

<b>State-Unique Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
0070M	Psychological Evaluation (testing included)
0088M	Limited vocational evaluation
0089M	Extended vocational evaluation

## **Billing for Chronic Pain Management Services Using CPT and HCPCS Codes**

MAA will require chronic pain management providers to bill using the appropriate standardized CPT, HCPCS, and revenue codes that describe the services performed. Please refer to the current CPT and HCPCS books for complete descriptions of these procedure codes and the UB-92 National Uniform Billing Data Element Specification Manual for complete descriptions of revenue codes.

To obtain DSHS/HRSA provider numbered memoranda and billing instruction, go to the DSHS/HRSA website at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click *the Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum* link). These may be downloaded and printed.

Bill MAA your usual and customary charge.